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Highlights of Our Editorials of 1984

Another eventful year is ending. In addition to chronicling the events of 1984, the *Star-Bulletin* has offered readers our opinions on the issues.

On the sensational Rewald investment fraud case, we urged that judgment be withheld on the accused's guilt or innocence until the trial verdict is in. But we also warned that publicity about Rewald's CIA connections appeared to be a smokescreen to divert attention from the charges he faced.

We applauded officials responsible for Henry Huihui's agreement to cooperate with investigators in exchange for a reduced sentence, calling it an apparent breakthrough in the battle with the Hawaii underworld. We called for an increase in patrolling activity after the holdup of tourists at Sacred Falls, and for swift action against those responsible for the beatings of a construction supervisor and a labor union official.

We expressed disappointment with a state decision to let prison guards accused of beating inmates go without punishment. Commenting on the prosecution of police officers for abusing suspects, we reiterated that police misconduct cannot be condoned.

We said the Supreme Court decision upholding the Hawaii Land Reform Law would benefit thousands of Islanders, while expressing hope that it would not prove harmful to the Kamehameha Schools, the beneficiary of the Bishop Estate.

We supported the state's decision to continue the legal battle to build the H-3 trans-Koolau freeway despite more court setbacks.

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